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SUBJECT: STATUS OF RATIFICATIONS FOR DRUG CONTROL TREATIES

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1. FOLLOWING RECEIPT REFAIR NCO QUERIED DR. D.M. SMITH OF INTERNATIONAL HEALTH SERVICES, DEPT OF HEALTH AND WELFARE, ON CURRENT OUTLOOK FOR SIGNATURE AND RATIFICATION OF 1972 PROTOCOL AMENDING SINGLE CONVENTION ON NARCOTIC DRUGS AND CONVENTION ON PSYCHOTROPIC SUBSTANCES. SMITH SAID THAT GOC ENDORESES BOTH OF THESE TREATIES BUT ACCESSION STILL "SOME MONTHS OFF".

2. GOC HAS SOME DIFFICULTY WITH EXTRADITION CLAUSE IN AMENDING PROTOCOL AND DEPT OF JUSTICEIS CURRENTLY LOOKING INTO ITS COMPATIBILITY WITH CANADIAN LAW.

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ANOTHER DELAYING FACTOR IS HEALTH DEPT RELUCTANCE

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TO SEIZE PARLIAMENT WITH MORE DRUG LEGISLATION UNTIL
BILL PROVIDING FOR LIGHTER SENTENCE FOR USERS OF
CANNABIS IS PASSED. COMMENT: THIS BILL CURRENTLY BEING
CONSIDERED IN SENATE WHERE IT WAS INTRODUCED AND WILL
PROBABLY NOT PASS HOUSE OF COMMONS FOR SEVERAL MONTHS.
END COMMENT.

3. IN VIEW OF THESE DELAYS CONSIDERATION BEING GIVEN TO
BY-PASSING PARLIAMENT ALTOGETHER BY HAVING CABINET
APPROVE AMENDMENT TO SINGLE CONVENTION AND POSSIBLY
USE SAME PROCEDURE FOR PSYCHOTROPICS CONVENTION. THIS
METHOD WOULD OBVIOUSLY SPEED UP SIGNATURE AND RATIFICATION.

4. NCO EXPRESSED OUR HOPE THAT GOC MAY STILL BE AMONG
REMAINING EIGHT GOVERNMENTS NEEDED TO BRING AMENDING
PROTOCOL INTO EFFECT.
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